

STEVE McCADAMS “CASTING FOR A CURE” KIDS FISHING RODEO RETURNS

Hungry fish are calling. McKenzie’s City Park Lake is the place to be for great fishing fun when the 15th Annual Steve McCadams “Casting For A Cure” Kids Fishing Rodeo returns on the morning of Saturday, [June 6th](#).

The popular event is free and open to boys and girls age 15 and under. Registration will be held from 7-9 a.m. on-site at The Barn, a pavilion adjacent to the lake. Kids will fish from 9-11 a.m. An awards presentation will follow the weigh-in.

“After last year’s flood destroyed Carroll Lake on the eve of the rodeo we had to postpone it at the last minute,” said event spokesman Steve McCadams. “We already had stuff set up but Mother Nature dealt us a severe blow. The future of the event looked grim.”

“I looked around for an alternative site and thanks to the assistance of Mayor Jill Holland and the McKenzie City Parks and Recreation staff we pulled it off a month or so later. The little lake worked out



Great and we will be back again, returning to our traditional first Saturday in June,” continued McCadams.

The lake will be stocked with catfish courtesy of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency who will again partner with McCadams for this special event which benefits The American Cancer Society.

“Each year I ask folks to make a donation to help introduce a kid to the great sport of fishing and battle cancer at the same time. Thanks to donors who open their hearts and pocketbooks we make sure every kid goes home with some sort of door prize. I’d like to think we send them all home a winner,” said McCadams, himself a cancer survivor. “After the expenses of the event, I donate whatever is left to ACS and it helps the Carroll County North Relay for Life’s total. A concession trailer complete with hamburgers, chips and cold soft drinks donated by local merchants and Pepsi will be on site and operated by local Relay volunteers.”

Kids are asked to bring their own bait and tackle. However, a few loaner rod and reel combos will be

Special prizes such as engraved plaques and bicycles will be awarded in four separate age brackets for the youngster catching the biggest and most fish. Age brackets will be 5 and under, 6-9, 10-12, and 13-15.

The rodeo will coincide with Free Fishing Day in Tennessee.

“I fish a lot throughout the year but this is indeed my favorite fishing day,” said McCadams, a native of McKenzie who has been a professional fishing and hunting guide on Kentucky Lake for over 39 years. “I made a promise to myself to keep this rodeo going back when I was undergoing chemotherapy. Seeing small fish deliver big smiles to these kids not only fosters future fishermen but brings awareness to the battle on cancer.”

Make plans to attend and bring those young anglers to a fun filled morning. If you’d like to support the event and perhaps honor a survivor or rekindle a memory of someone special send your tax-deductible donation to Steve McCadams, 655 Anderson Drive, Paris, TN 38242. All donors will receive a receipt from the Jackson office of the American Cancer Society.

For additional information on the rodeo contact McCadams at [731-642-0360](tel:731-642-0360) or via email at stevemc@charter.net.